

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A device for smoothing clothing items, the device comprising an outer inflatable body having an outer torso section and an inner inflatable body having an inner torso section, the inner inflatable body and the outer inflatable body being in contact with one another in an inflated state over a contact area, ~~in an inflated state and the material of at least one of the inner and outer inflatable bodies having at least a moderate air permeability in at least one permeable area which forms a part of the contact area wherein the contact area of at least one of the inner and the outer inflatable bodies has a permeable area having a greater air permeability than an adjacent region of the contact area of the at least one of the inner and outer inflatable bodies.~~

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 9, wherein the contact area extends on the inner and outer inflatable bodies over a portion of the torso sections, in particular over a front and sides of the torso sections.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 9, wherein the inner and outer inflatable bodies include sides and the permeable area is located on the sides of the torso sections of at least one of the inner and outer inflatable bodies.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 9, wherein the permeable area is located in a chest area of at least one of the inner and outer inflatable bodies.

13. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 9, wherein the ~~at least one~~ permeable area is on the inner inflatable body and is formed from a material having ~~a moderate~~ an air permeability in the range of about 3 to 20 L/m<sup>2</sup>s.

14. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 13, wherein the ~~at least one~~ permeable area of the inner inflatable body is formed from a material having ~~a moderate~~ an air permeability in the range of about 5 to 10 L/m<sup>2</sup>s.

15. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 9, wherein the ~~at least one~~ permeable area is on the outer inflatable body and is formed from a material having ~~a moderate~~ an air permeability in the range of about 3 to 20 L/m<sup>2</sup>s.

16. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 15, wherein the ~~at least one~~ permeable area of the outer inflatable body is formed from a material having ~~a moderate~~ an air permeability in the range of about 5 to 10 L/m<sup>2</sup>s.

17. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 9, wherein the ~~at least one~~ permeable area is on the outer inflatable body and is formed from a material having ~~a high~~ an air permeability in the range of about 100 to 250 L/m<sup>2</sup>s.

18. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 17 [[+3]], wherein the ~~at least one~~ permeable area of the outer inflatable body is formed from a material having ~~a moderate~~ an air permeability in the range of about 150 to 210 L/m<sup>2</sup>s.

19. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 9, wherein a pressure ratio of the pressure in the outer inflatable body and the pressure in the inner inflatable body in the inflated state is between about 1:2.5 to 1:4.5.